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Implementation of the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/193 of 22 December 1992 on the observance of World Day for Water, its resolution 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, its resolution 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, to commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005, its resolution 59/228 of 22 December 2004, its resolution 61/192 of 20 December 2006, by which it proclaimed 2008 the International Year of Sanitation, its resolution 64/198 of 21 December 2009 on the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade, its resolution 64/292 of 28 July 2010 on the human right to water and sanitation and its resolution 65/154 of 20 December 2010, by which it proclaimed 2013 the International Year of Water Cooperation,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in which the Council recognized the contribution that the celebration of international years could make to the furtherance of international cooperation and understanding,

Recalling further its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

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Recalling the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[1] and all its principles, Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development,[4] the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals[6] and the commitments made therein, and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[7]

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being and central to achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

Acknowledging the importance of cooperation at all levels for the achievement of the internationally agreed goals on water and sanitation,

Noting the holding of the sixth World Water Forum in Marseille, France, from 12 to 17 March 2012,

Noting also that the International Year of Water Cooperation coincides with the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of 22 March as World Water Day,

1. *Welcomes* the activities related to the implementation of the International Year of Water Cooperation, undertaken by Member States, the Secretariat and the organizations of the United Nations system, inter alia, through inter-agency work, as well as contributions from major groups, and emphasizes the importance of the country-level implementation of the Year;

2. *Encourages* Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system, through their coordination mechanism, and major groups to continue their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[8] the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation[5] and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;[7]

3. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Tajikistan to host, in September 2013, a high-level international conference on water cooperation;

4. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to convene a high-level interactive dialogue during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly in New York on 22 March 2013, World Water Day, to mark the Year;

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[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[6] See resolution 65/1.

[7] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[8] See resolution 55/2.

5. *Stresses* the importance of the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous people and other local communities, in the implementation of the Year at all levels;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a note on the organization of work of the conference;

7. *Invites* the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to actively engage in the preparations for the high-level conference;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with UN-Water and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to take appropriate actions to support Member States in the implementation of the Year;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.